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to study it over the interim anyway, there is no need to spend the money to print up the copies of the bill and go through the time and the trouble of having a hearing when they are not expecting anything to be done on the bill anyway, but we know that in a legislative session, things can change very rapidly. If there is a public hearing, the bill can be advanced to the floor. It can be bracketed to a day certain. Somebody could be persuaded to take it as a priority bill and there is a way that this will could be handled this session. However, I don't think that it is appropriate on its merits. So my opposition to it is not its lateness of introduction in the session nor even that an attempt has been made to introduce it before. I think the bill has absolutely no merit whatsoever, and in a society, which, Senator DeCamp, for good or ill has set aside Sunday for a day of rest, and for me it is a day of rest from going to church and everywhere else and a rest from all things except harassment from my seven year old son, I think we should go ahead and let this day of rest be held from the encroachments of those who want to gamble. They can gamble six days a week. They can even make book on whether this bill is going to be introduced. They could have made book on whether I am going to speak or not, excuse me, Mr. Chairman. Yes, Senator DeCamp. The bill could be used, though, for other purposes but I think we have other bills for that purpose. So I can't bring myself to vote for introduction of this bill under any circumstances and I think that Senator Kremer and I, who have been on opposite sides on a couple of issues this session, may be coming together again on this one. I will wait and see.

PRESIDENT: Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President and fellow Senators. would Senator Dworak yield for a question or two.

SENATOR DWORAK: I will yield.

SENATOR MERZ: I haven't had time to read this or had much input into it but is it specified for how many Sundays this will take place?

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Merz, the only thing this bill does is allow those people within a county that has a race track the opportunity to vote as to what day...as to whether they will race on Sunday or not.

SENATOR MERZ: This has to be approved by each specified county, then?

SENATOR DWORAK: This has to be approved by the people within the county that has the track, yes, Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Will there be a board set up within the county?

SENATOR DWORAK: The Racing Commission now controls the number of days that races can be held and this bill does nothing to alter the existing control mechanism. This cannot expand the number of days that they can race.

SENATOR MERZ: How does Aksarben, don't they have races on Sunday?